

F2 10. (Four Times Amended) A medium processing device including a medium feeding apparatus to feed the medium through a feed path in the processing device, wherein the medium feeding apparatus comprises:

at least one align roller to align a medium in a path; and
a feed assistance member comprising:

- (i) a shaft; and
- (ii) a feed assistance roller rotably mounted to the shaft and positioned to apply pressure on the medium in the path to stabilize the medium while the medium is being aligned in the path by the at least one align roller, wherein the feed assistance member is not rotably connected to the align roller, and wherein the feed assistance roller is not vertically aligned with any roller.

F3 19. (Amended) A feed assistance apparatus for feeding a medium in a medium processing apparatus, comprising:

at least one align roller for feeding the medium;
a member portion contacting said medium being fed to increase a frictional force generated on the medium while the medium is being aligned in the path by the at least one align roller;

wherein the member portion is not rotably connected to the align roller, and wherein the member portion is not vertically aligned with any roller, and wherein the member portion is non-rotatable.

F4 38. (New) A medium feeding apparatus comprising:

at least one align roller to align a medium in a path; and
a feed assistance member comprising:

- (i) a shaft; and
- (ii) a feed assistance roller rotably mounted to the shaft and positioned to apply pressure on the medium in the path to stabilize the medium while the medium is being

aligned in the path by the at least one align roller, wherein the feed assistance member is not rotably connected to the align roller, wherein the feed assistance roller is not vertically aligned with any roller, and wherein the ^{ante}member portion is non-rotatable.
